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Dear Mr. Neal and National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. Seeds of Change support the continued allowance of the following substance(s):

Name of Substance	Location on National List (ie. 205.605(a))	Reason for continued allowance.	Supporting Documents (example: research data or other international organic programs)
Citric Acid	205.605(a)	Ingredient required for pH control	Pervious NSOB assessment still relevant
Calcium Chloride	205.605(a)	Ingredient used as a firming agent, not available organically	TAP review Previous NSOB assessment still relevant
Magnesium Chloride	205.605(b)	Ingredient used as a firming agent, not available in organic	Previous NSOB assessment still relevant
Gums (Guar, Carob Bean)	205.606	Ingredient required for binding excess water and creating viscosity in products, not available organically	Previous NSOB assessment still relevant

Sincerely,

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Cc: Organic Trade Association
National Organic Standards Board

Attachment: "Evaluation Criteria for Substances Added to the National List"

Attached is the website that contains the "Evaluation Criteria for Substances Added to the National List". It is highly suggested that this evaluation be submitted with comments.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/Newsroom/SunsetDocFedReg06_05.pdf